Ministry of Urban Employment and Poverty Alleviation is also implementing projects/schemes for the development of NER States including Sikkim in the sector of housing, slum development and urban poverty alleviation under the 10% lump sum provision specially earmarked for this purpose in the Budget of the Ministry. Under housing category (predominantly for the urban poor), so far 8 projects on housing at project cost of Rs. 8038.19 Lakh have been sanctioned in the NER States and Rs. 4562.06 Lakh have been released to the executing agencies. State-wise details are as under:—

State	No. of projects on housing	Project cost (Rs. in Lakhs)	Funds released (Rs. in Lakhs)
Arunachal Pradesh	1	1601.42	640.00
Assam	4	5761.54	3246.82
Manipur	—	—	—
Meghalaya	1	500.00	500.00
Mizoram	1	44.84	44.84
Nagaland	—	—	—
Sikkim	—	—	—
Tripura	1	130.39	130.40
TOTAL	8	8038.19	4562.06

Poverty alleviation schemes in North-Eastern region

94. SHRI DWIJENDRA NATH SHARMAH: Will the Minister of URBAN EMPLOYMENT AND POVERTY ALLEVIATION be pleased to state the details of the steps being taken by Government to eradicate urban poverty in various cities of the North Eastern Region and the achievements made as a result thereof during the last three years year-wise?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF URBAN EMPLOYMENT AND POVERTY ALLEVIATION (KUMARI SELJA): With a view to ameliorate the conditions of urban poor, and to reduce the urban poverty in the country, Ministry of Urban Employment and Poverty Alleviation is implementing an employment oriented Centrally Sponsored urban poverty alleviation programme namely Swarna Jayanti Shahari Rozgar Yojana

(SJSRY) on all India basis, including the North Eastern Region including Sikkim *w.e.f.* 1.12.1997. This programme seeks to provide gainful employment to the urban unemployed poor through setting up of micro enterprises and also through provision of Wage employment by utilizing their labour for construction of useful public assets.

Ministry of Urban Employment & Poverty Alleviation is also implementing projects/schemes for the development of NER States including Sikkim in the sector of housing, slum development/upgradation and urban poverty alleviation under 10% lump sum provision specially earmarked for this purpose in the budget.

The details of the central funds released and physical achievements (as reported by the States through QPRs) under the above schemes during the last three years in the NER States including Sikkim, year-wise is given with Statement:

Statement

Funds released for various Poverty Alleviation Schemes in North Eastern Region

I. Swarna Jayanti Shahari Rozgar Yojana

Year	Central fund released (Rs. in lakhs)	No. of micro-enterprises set-up	No. of urban poor imparted skill training	No. of mandays generated in lakhs
2002-03	319.44	3885	2306	2.93
2003-04	1050.00	4632	2501	10.73
2004-05	1130.00	1878	12579	6.45

II. Projedts in the near States under 10% lump sum provisions in the Budget.

Year	Central Fund released (Rs. in lakhs)	No. of new projects sanctioned
2002-03	4416.82	14
2003-04	5100.00	1
2004-05	8200.00	18